

**SOFTWARE SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR
ANALYZING THE PERFORMANCE OF A SERVER**

Related Applications

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Appl. No. 10/214,421, filed August 6, 2002, ^{PT. 6694, 288} which claims priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/310,724, August 6, 2001, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATED ANALYSIS OF LOAD TESTING RESULTS." The technical disclosure of the aforesaid applications is hereby incorporated by reference.

Background of the Invention

Field of the Invention

[0002] The present invention relates to software tools for testing the performance of network applications, and more specifically to software tools for automating the analysis of the results of performance testing of networked applications.

Description of the Related Art

[0003] With the ever increasing availability of internet access, businesses have come to rely upon network communications, such as the internet, as a means of distributing information about their businesses, as a means of advertising, and in many cases, as a means of providing services to customers and potential customers. For certain businesses, for example those in the field of retail sales via the internet, internet presence is critical to the core operation of the business itself. Businesses which do not rely upon the internet to distribute information about themselves may still use networked systems in order to provide internal access to information within the company and in order to allow efficient cooperation between co-workers located at different sites.

[0004] In setting up networked systems, whether for internal use, or for availability via the internet, it is important to test the operation of the system and the applications which run upon it. Not only must the system respond properly to individual